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Clav Communists in Argentina have received orders from Moscow (possibly via Union Esclava) to form special cells of 12 trusted individuals in the communistic Soviet satellite communities in Argentina. These 12-man cells are to function as security police [REDACTED] Comment. Probably Party security police) in the respective communities in order to discover and eliminate undesirable elements. The cells are to be established in the Polish, Yugoslav, Czechoslovak, Bulgarian, and possibly other communities. 25X1A6a

2. Eleven members of the Polish cell have already been recruited from among members of the Polish Communist front organization, the Maria Konopnicka Society. The twelfth member will probably be obtained from the Federation of Polish Societies, which is anti-Communist, but which may have been penetrated by the Communists.

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B. The Union Slava has recently been particularly active in assisting Slav immigrants to find living quarters. Some refugees have been furnished quarters free of charge; others have been charged only a bare minimum for rent. This assistance is rendered without regard to the ideology of the immigrants, and no questions are asked. [REDACTED] Comment. Source interprets this generosity as a device to combat, and if possible to neutralize, the efforts of the anti-Communist Slavs in Argentina. Although this strategy may not gain the political sympathy of the immigrants, it will at least compromise them to a certain extent. Since most of the Slav immigrants are anti-Communists, the Union has found it necessary to develop this new approach.

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Dr. Ferdinand Durcansky, President of the anti-Communist Slovak Action Committee in Argentina, has succeeded in penetrating Slovak Communist organizations by using Slovaks who pretend to be Communists. Durcansky has submitted the names of many Slovakian Communists to the Argentine police. [REDACTED] Comment. Although source has no information to show that Durcansky is working directly for the Argentine police, it appears that he is at least collaborating with them on Communist matters. It will be recalled that some months ago the Argentine government refused a request from the Czechoslovak government that Durcansky be extradited as a war criminal (cf. [REDACTED]).

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- 25X1A2g 5. The Argentine Ministry of Interior has placed an interventor in the Sociedad Yugoslava de Socorros Mutuos (Yugoslav Mutual Aid Society), one of the most important Yugoslav Communist front organizations in Argentina (cf. [REDACTED]). The work of the interventor will be to supervise the activities of the society and to report to the Argentine government. [REDACTED] Comment. If the Argentine government dissolved the society through the action of the interventor, a severe blow would be dealt to the prestige of the Yugoslav Communists in Argentina.)
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